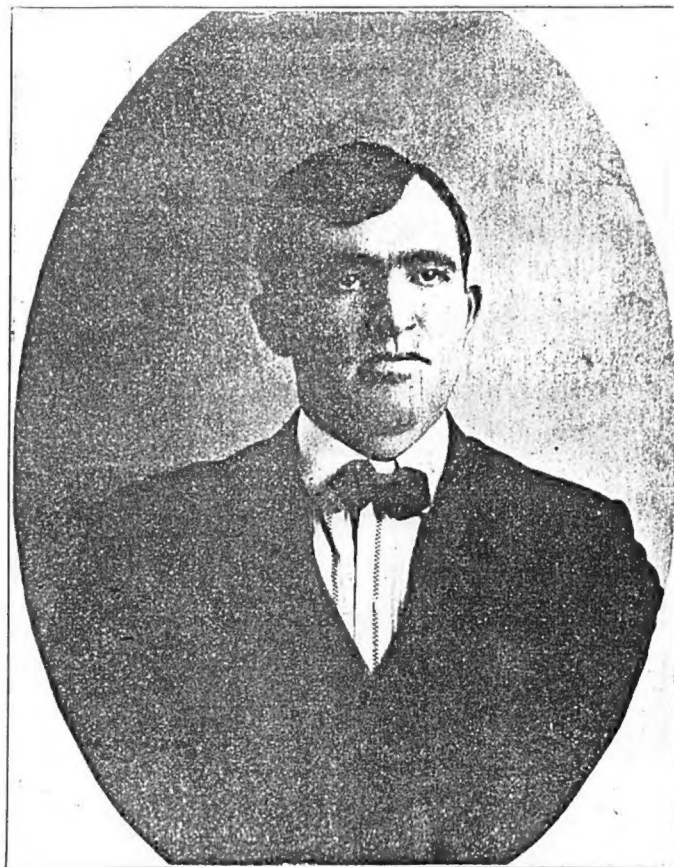


Buell Mercantile Company, has been launched at Theodore with J. W. Meadows as manager. A two-story store building is now in course of erection at that place and according to arrangements will be finished and stocked before the beginning of the new year.

His trade at home has materially increased the past season and during the months of October and November of this year, his receipts were double what they were on the corresponding months of last year.

JOHN E. AUSTIN.

Sheep raising has been one of the principal industries of Wasatch county for many years, and during the past few years, it has perhaps exceeded in this industry any other county in the State, and John E. Austin is the leading sheepman of the county. He is one of the heaviest stockholders and



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farm of 160 acres on Center creek, considered one of the best farms in the county and gradually increased his holdings from year until he became the owner of several thousand acres. His sheep multiplied upon his hands until he was one of the largest sheep owners in the county. Two years ago he and his brother George, manager of the Utah Sugar company, together with a few other stock men of the state incorporated the Heber Land and Live Stock Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000. A year later the capital stock was increased to \$150,000, John E. and George Austin owning about 60 per cent of the stock. The business of the company this year amounted to nearly \$400,000.

Mr. Austin is chairman of the board of county commissioners of this county, and also chairman of the state board of sheep commissioners.

On the seventh day of March, 1891, he married Sadie Thomas, a Wasatch county maiden, and one of whom any man might well be proud. He has one of the finest homes in Wasatch county, being a beautiful brick structure of modern architectural design.

company of that year and arriving in Salt Lake City September 26th. His family consisted, at that time of a wife and two little girls. His oldest son was born on the Muddy, about 100 miles east of Salt Lake—four days before the train reached its destination.

On account of his being a coal miner, he was sent to open the coal mines of Sanpete county just after the move in 1858. He moved to this valley in 1860. He assisted in making the road in Provo canyon in 1858 and at the time of the great "wash-out" in the spring of 1862, took a contract to repair the road from the south fork to Heber. In 1867 he went out into Wyoming to open up coal mines for the Union Pacific railway, then in course of construction. After taking charge of the coal mines for three years he returned to his family in Heber and again turned his attention to farming, but spent considerable time in prospecting and mining and canal and road building.

He was always free hearted and willing to assist in all public enterprises and give a helping hand to anyone in need.

Snow in Southwest.

Kansas City—The heaviest

